

PASCACK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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PASCACK VALLEY ~ PROFILE 2020 - 2021

COMMUNITIES: Pascack Valley High School is one of two high schools in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District. Pascack Valley High School serves the northern Bergen County communities of Hillsdale and River Vale, New Jersey. The towns are neighboring suburban communities with a combined population of approximately 20,000. The location, 20 miles northwest of New York City, enables residents to take advantage of the many cultural and educational resources of a large city. Residents enjoy a middle to upper-middle class socio-economic level with the majority of adults employed as professionals and business executives. A high percentage of adults in both communities are college graduates. The community has high expectations and aspirations for its schools.

SCHOOL: Pascack Valley High School is a four-year college preparatory school with an enrollment of approximately 1300 students. The 2020 graduating class was comprised of 296 students. The school is a member of the National Association of College Admission Counselors and supports the Association’s Code of Ethics & Professional Practices. Pascack Valley High School consistently ranks in the top tier of New Jersey high schools as rated by the *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*.

e-LEARNING: The Pascack Valley Regional High School District is the first district in New Jersey to provide wireless laptops to all students and teachers to be used in classrooms and at home. This initiative, currently in the 15th year, impacts teaching, learning and communications between school and home while creating a community of learners between teachers and students. Advanced technological skills better prepare our students to enter college and the work place.

PASCACK SCHEDULE: The schedule for the 2020-2021 school year has been modified to adjust to the uncertainty of the pandemic and is subject to change throughout the school year based on local environmental conditions. To view the current Pascack schedule, please visit the district website at www.pascack.org.

ACCREDITATION: Pascack Valley High School is accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education.

POST SECONDARY PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES

	2018	2019	2020
Total Graduates	301	312	296
% 4- Yr. College	86	87	81
% 2- Yr. College	9	8	14
% Other	5	5	5

NATIONAL/STATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Class of 2019

National Merit Commended.	4
National Merit Semi-Finalists.	2

Class of 2019

AP Scholars.	41
AP Scholars with Honors	11
AP Scholars with Distinction	19
AP National Scholars	1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2020

A total of 246 students took 494 Advanced Placement exams in 23 different subjects. Advanced Placement tests were taken in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language/Composition, English Literature/Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language & Culture, Italian Language, Music Theory, Physics I, Physics II, Physics C: Mechanics, Spanish Language, Macroeconomics, US Government & Politics, Statistics, Studio Art 2D, Studio Art Drawing, United States History and World History.

COLLEGE BOARD SAT I SCORES CLASS OF 2019

	<u>PV</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>National</u>
ERW	588	566	531
Mathematics	597	569	528
Total	1185	1135	1059

ACT SCORES CLASS OF 2019

	<u>PV</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>National</u>
English	24.0	24.3	20.1
Mathematics	23.6	24.0	20.4
Reading	23.8	24.6	21.2
Science	23.1	23.6	20.6
Composite	23.7	24.2	20.7

GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade Point Average is computed by a process which includes all subjects for which credit is given and all grades including failures. Honors and Advanced Placement grades are weighted the same, receiving one additional point.

GRADING SCALE/VALUES

	<u>Grading</u> <u>Scale</u>	<u>College Prep</u> <u>Courses</u>	<u>Honors/AP</u> <u>Courses</u>
A+	98-100	4.33	5.33
A	93-97	4.00	5.00
A-	90-92	3.67	4.67
B+	87-89	3.33	4.33
B	83-86	3.00	4.00
B-	80-82	2.67	3.67
C+	77-79	2.33	3.33
C	73-76	2.00	3.00
C-	70-72	1.67	2.67
D+	67-69	1.33	2.33
D	63-66	1.00	2.00
D-	60-62	0.67	1.67
F	0-59	0.00	
P	PASS		
F	FAIL		
WP	Withdraw/Passing	I Incomplete	NC No Credit
WF	Withdraw/Failing	MEX Medically Excused	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must earn a minimum of 120 credits, which include:

English	4 Years	20 Credits
World History	1 Year	5 Credits
United States History	2 Years	10 Credits
Mathematics	3 Years	15 Credits
Science	3 Years	15 Credits
World Language	2 Years	10 Credits
Physical Education/Health	4 Years	20 Credits
Fine/Practical/Performing Arts	2 Years	10 Credits
Financial Literacy	1/2 Year	2.5 Credits

In addition, all students must meet the minimum standard on the PARCC/NJSLA or other assessments as defined by the NJDOE.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

CLASS OF 2021
(As of the 6th semester)

Given the rigorous nature of the curriculum and a highly motivated student body, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District does not rank students

<u>Quintile</u>	<u>GPA Range</u>
1	4.94 - 4.20
2	4.19 - 3.85
3	3.82 - 3.45
4	3.44 - 3.03
5	3.00 - 1.63

COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH:

AP: AP Language and Composition
AP Literature and Composition

Honors: Honors English 1, 2, 3, 4
Honors Language, Myth & Human Culture
Honors Literature of the Holocaust
Honors American Studies
Honors Advanced 21st Century Journalism & Media

College Prep:

Public Speaking
Creative Writing
English 1, 2, 3, 4
American Studies +
Language, Myth & Human Culture
Sports and Literature
Film and Literature
21st Century Journalism & Media
Literature of the Holocaust

MATHEMATICS:

AP: AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science-A

Honors: Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry
Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors Computer Science
Advanced Topics in Calculus
Advanced Topics in Computer Science

College Prep:

Algebra 1
Algebra I Enhanced
Geometry
Geometry Enhanced
Algebra 2/Trigonometry
Algebra 2/Trigonometry Enhanced
Pre-Calculus
Calculus
Computer Science Principles
College Algebra*
Discrete Math*
Statistics 1*, 2*

SCIENCE:

AP: AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Env. Science
AP Physics I, AP Physics II, AP Physics C

Honors: Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
Honors Forensics - SUPA
Honors Reserch in Molecular Genetics I, II, III

College Prep: Biology

SCIENCE: (continued)

Chemistry
Physics
Physics/Technology
Astronomy*
Earth's Natural Disasters*
Conceptual Physics
Environmental Biology
Chemistry in the Community
Anatomy and Physiology
Environmental Studies
Science, Ethics, Technology & Society

SOCIAL STUDIES:

AP: AP World History
AP US History 1, 2
AP Economics*
AP Government & Politics*

Honors: Honors World History 1, 2
Honors SUPA Public Affairs
Honors History of Sport in America*
Honors Psychology

College Prep:

World History
US History 1, 2
American Studies +
Anthropology*
Constitutional Law*
Economics*
Sociology*
Analysis of History through Film*
Current World Problems*
Psychology 1, 2*
Religion in America*

WORLD LANGUAGES:

AP: AP French
AP Italian
AP Spanish

Honors: Honors French 2, 3, 4
Honors Spanish 2, 3, 4
Honors Italian 2, 3, 4
Honors Chinese 2, 3, 4, 5

College Prep: French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Italian 1, 2, 3, 4
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
ESL
Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1, 2

ARTS:

AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2D Design
AP Art History

Honors: Honors Advanced Ceramics & Sculpture 2
Honors Advanced Studio Art 2
Honors Advanced Photography

ARTS: (continued)

College Prep: Ceramics
Ceramics & Sculpture 1
Drawing
Studio Art 1
Fine Arts
Photography
Crafts

BUSINESS:

Entrepreneurship
Financial Literacy*
Blended Financial Literacy*
Principle of Business*
Marketing*

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE:

Advanced Clothing Construction
Advanced Fashion Design
Clothing Construction
Culinary Arts I, II
Fashion Design
Interior Design
Early Childhood & Family Education I, II

MUSIC: Choir/Lunch, Band/Lunch
Chamber Choir, Concert Choir
Concert Band
Concert Band/Marching Band
Guitar I
Music Technology
Music Theory I
AP Music Theory

TECHNOLOGY:

Graphic Communication Technology I, II
Honors Engineering Design I, II
Introduction to Web Design*
Technological Design*
Video Production
Advanced Video Production
Advanced Television Broadcasting
Architecture
Honors Research in Innovation & Design
Graphics Design 1, 2
Robotics & Game Design
Introduction to Innovation & Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH:

Physical Education/Health 9, 10, 11, 12

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL: (VHS)

Multiple Course Offerings

VOCATIONAL PROGRAM:

Satellite Program at Bergen County Technical School (Satellite)

*Semester Courses + Double Period Courses

Dr. P. Erik Gundersen
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Barry Bachenheimer
*Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum,
Instruction & Assessment*

Mr. Glenn deMarrais
Principal

Mrs. Christine Pollinger
Assistant Principal

Mr. John Puccio
Assistant Principal

Dr. Sean Struncis
District Supervisor of Guidance & Counseling Services

Dr. Frank Andrisani, Counselor

Mrs. Mary Jo Callanan, Counselor

Mrs. Stephanie Distasi, Counselor

Ms. Jennifer Kuo, Counselor

Mr. Jordan Kapp, Counselor

Ms. Lemma Taha, Counselor

Mrs. Christie Rossig
Student Assistance Counselor

Dr. Steven Myers
Student Family Resource Liaison

REPRESENTATIVE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2017-2020

American University	John Jay College	Swathmore College
Amherst College	Johns Hopkins University	Syracuse University
Arizona State University	Johnson & Wales University	Temple University
Babson College	Kean University	Texas A&M University
Bard College	La Salle University	Towson University
Barnard College	Lafayette College	Trinity College
Bates College	Lehigh University	Tufts University
Bentley University	Louisiana State University	Tulane University
Bergen Community College	Loyola University	Union College
Bloomsburg University	Manhattan College	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Boston College	Manhattanville College	United States Military Academy
Boston University	Marist College	University of Alabama
Brandeis University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Arizona
Brigham Young University	McDaniel College	University of California, Berkeley
Brown University	McGill University	University of California, Irvine
Bucknell University	Miami University	University of Chicago
California Institute of Technology	Michigan State University	University of Colorado
Carnegie Mellon University	Middlebury College	University of Connecticut
Case Western Reserve	Monmouth University	University of Delaware
Catholic University of America	Montclair State University	University of Florida
Clark University	Moravian College	University of Georgia
Clemson University	Muhlenberg College	University of Illinois
Coastal Carolina University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Iowa
Colgate University	New York University	University of Kentucky
College of Charleston	North Carolina State University	University of Maryland
College of New Jersey	Northeastern University	University of Massachusetts
College of William and Mary	Northwestern University	University of Miami
Columbia University	Occidental College	University of Michigan
Connecticut College	Ohio State University	University of Mississippi
Cornell University	Ohio University	University of Nebraska
Dartmouth College	Pace University	University of New Hampshire
Dickinson College	Pennsylvania State University	University of North Carolina
Drew University	Pepperdine University	University of Notre Dame
Drexel University	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania
Duke University	Providence College	University of Pittsburgh
Duquesne University	Purdue University	University of Rhode Island
East Carolina University	Quinnipiac University	University of Richmond
East Stroudsburg University	Radford University	University of Rochester
Elon University	Ramapo College	University of San Francisco
Emerson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Scranton
Emory University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of South Carolina
Fairfield University	Richard Stockton College	University of Tampa
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Rider University	University of Tennessee
Fashion Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Texas
Felician College	Roger Williams University	University of Vermont
Florida State University	Rowan University	University of Virginia
Fordham University	Rutgers University	University of Wisconsin
Franklin and Marshall College	Sacred Heart University	Vanderbilt University
George Mason University	Savannah College of Art & Design	Vassar College
George Washington University	San Diego State University	Villanova University
Georgetown University	Sarah Lawrence College	Virginia Tech University
Gettysburg College	Seton Hall University	Wagner College
Hamilton College	Siena College	Washington Univ. in St. Louis
Harvard University	Skidmore College	Wake Forest University
Haverford College	St. John's University	Wesleyan University
Harvey Mudd College	Stevens Institute of Technology	West Chester University
High Point University	SUNY at Binghamton	West Virginia University
Hofstra University	SUNY at Buffalo	William Paterson University
Indiana University	SUNY at Cortland	Xavier University
Ithaca College	Susquehanna University	Yale University
James Madison University		